

The background of the slide features a scenic landscape. In the foreground, there are several evergreen trees. Behind them, a calm lake reflects the sky and the surrounding mountains. The mountains in the distance are hazy and blue. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

Heavenly Epic Discovery Project
Environmental Impact Report
and
Waste Discharge Requirements
for
The Heavenly Mountain Resort
El Dorado and Alpine Counties
(WDID No. 6A090033000)

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- Certify Epic Discovery Environmental Impact Report
- Adopt Revised Waste Discharge Requirements for Heavenly Mountain Resort Operations



EIR/EIS FINDINGS

- Less Than Significant Impacts
- Key Environmental Issues/Impacts
- Design Features integrated into Project Description
- Updated Mitigation Monitoring Plan



Fire Protection

- Ensure safety zones and evacuation routes are maintained and specified in Summer Ops Plans
- Identify helicopter landing zones to facilitate evacuation of sick/injured
- Provide “rescue locator” signs on trails



Biological Resources

- Migratory birds – survey for and protect active nest sites found on activities
- Whitebark pine – implement conservation strategies from Action Plan
- Sierra Nevada yellow legged frog – delay meadow development to complete survey protocols and consult with USFWS



External Trail Network

- Increased trail use – Construction of Panorama trail will better connect HV and increase use on TRT/Van Sickle Connector Trails
- Increases possibility of trail conflicts, adverse wear and tear, and demand for parking at VSSP
- Addressed by measures in Trail Partnership Action Plan



Traffic and Parking

- Increased summer vehicle trips on roadways/intersections near Gondola
- Roadways/intersections continue to operate at acceptable levels of service
- Standard TRPA AQ fees collected to address increased trips/VMT
- Adequate parking available at existing lots



Onsite Roadway Monitoring/Maintenance

- Increased use of on mountain roadways to implement Epic Discovery activities
- Construction or realignment of roadways to serve activities
- Monitor and maintain roads to achieve Forest Service road standards



Cultural Resources

- Concerns raised regarding protection of Native American resources
- Implement existing Programmatic Agreement developed and approved by CA/NV/USFS to protect resources
- Coordinate with Washoe Tribe to include Native American resources in educational programs

➤ Waste Discharge Requirements

- Comments received from Heavenly and USFS
- Certain language in findings and compliance dates
- Issues resolved and documents revised based on discussions with Water Board staff and Heavenly/USFS representatives

➤ Staff Recommendation

- Certify the Project EIR
- Adopt the Heavenly Mountain Resort Waste Discharge Requirements